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JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

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1. WHILE ACTUAL TEXT OF ARAB RES ON JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS
NOT YET AVAILABLE HERE, WE DOUBT IT CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY
MODERATED, AND US REP SHOULD NOT PURSUE EFFORTS TO AMEND
RES AND SHOULD NOT TAKE ACTIVE PART IN DISCUSSION.

2. IF RES COMES TO VOTE, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN ON RES AS A
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WHOLE. IF PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH VOTE REQUESTED BY OTHER

DELS, YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST OPERATIVE PARAS CONDEMNING ISRAEL OR ISRAELI ACTIONS.

3. YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

A. US BELIEVES CURRENT UNESCO CONSIDERATION OF ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS HAS BECOME OVERLY POLITICIZED AND REGRETS THAT LEGITIMATE CONCERN OVER CULTURAL MONUMENTS HAS BEEN ECLIPSED. US SHARES INTEREST AND CONCERN OF ALL NATIONS IN NEED TO PROTECT THESE MONUMENTS AND HAS, FOR EXAMPLE, LED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH WORLD HERITAGE TRUST. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE PROBLEM SHOULD BE APPROACHED ON ITS

MERITS AND CRITICISMS SHOULD BE BASED STRICTLY ON OBJECTIVE AND NOT POLITICAL CRITERIA.

B.US HAS ABSTAINED ON RES IN LIGHT OF SPECIAL US ROLE IN PRESENT EFFORTS TO REACH JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.

C. US HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS OVER CERTAIN ASPECTS OF DRAFT RES, IN PARTICULAR FACT THAT LEMAIRE REPORT DOES NOT SUPORT ARAB CHARGES AGAINSTISRAELI TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS MONUMENTS.

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